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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: FLIGHT CLEARANCE PROBLEMS

1. U.S. AIRCRAFT OPERATORS' AGENTS HAVE REPORTED TO DEPT THAT THEY HAVE RECENTLY HAD DIFFICULTY GETTING FLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT. PROBLEM HAS NOT BEEN DUE DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATION; BECAUSE UNIVERSAL WEATHER HAS RECEIVED CLEARANCES FOR NON-US-REGISTERED AIRCRAFT PLANES, WHEN BOTH WERE REQUESTED IN SAME MESSAGE. AOPA (AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOTS ASSN) REPORT THEY HAVE ONE REQUEST PENDING, ALTHOUGH IRQIS DID GIVE ONE CLEARANCE.

2. ONE CASE INVOLVED AMERADA HESS' GRUMMAN G-II,US REGISTRY N-5113H, FOR WHICH UNIVERSAL WEATHER FIRST APPLIED SEPT. 3. AIRPLANE FINALLY HAD TO AVOID IRAQI AIRSPACE ON SEPT 27 FLIGHT FROM BELGRADE TO ABU DHABI.

3. ONE PENDING REQUEST INVOLVES COASTAL STATES GAS CO.'S G-II, N-704T. UNIVERSAL WEATHER SUBMITTED FIRST RE-

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QUEST SEPTEMBER 15, FOR SEPTEMBER 30 FLIGHT ISTANBUL-BADHDAD

-KUWAIT WITH 5-HOUR STOP IN BAGHDAD, AND OCTOBER 1 OVER-
FLIGHT FROM KUWAIT TO BELGRADE.

4. AOPA REQUESTED CLEARANCE ON 15 SEPTEMBER FOR OCTOBER 14

LANDING AND OVERNIGHT STAY BY WAYFARER KETCH CORP'S G-II,
N-100WK, CARRYING DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO MEET WITH VICE
CHAIRMAN OF REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL, SADDIN HUSSEIN.
ON SEPT 16, AOPA REQUESTED OVERFLIGHT FOR GRUMMAN
CORPORATE DEMONSTRATOR G-II. AFTER SEPT 21 EXCHANGE OF
TELEGRAMS, DGCA GAVE CLEARANCE ON SEPT. 23.

5. ACTION: DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE USINT'S ASSISTANCE
IN OBTAINING CLEARANCE FOR FLIGHTS DESCRIBED IN PARAS
3 AND 4, DRAWING ON OTHER CASES AS APPROPRIATE. ROBINSON

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